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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

1 October 1979

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Dear [redacted]

This letter is to confirm our telephone conversation of 28 September 1979.

During the early 1950's the Central Intelligence Agency maintained a relationship with a Mr. George H. White, a man who was apparently a friend of yours. Mr. White served this Agency as a consultant, reporting on people's behavior after they had been given small quantities of a drug, usually LSD, without their knowledge. All of CIA's records on this testing, all of George White's test reports, were destroyed in 1972. This unwitting testing came to light and was severely criticized during investigations in 1975, 1976, and 1977. As a result of the disclosures, CIA was instructed to attempt to identify, locate, and inform all persons who had been administered a drug without their informed consent in order that the persons concerned could be furnished an explanation for any unusual, possibly psychotic, sensations they may have experienced at that time.

Until approximately two years ago, no records of that testing were known to exist; hence, locating and informing the unwitting test subjects seemed an impossibility. That situation changed when it was discovered that George White had maintained a diary and that his memorabilia, including his diaries, had been donated to a museum at the Foothills College in Los Altos Hills, California. A review of those diaries revealed [redacted] along with a [redacted] were given LSD at a gathering at the White's on [redacted]. After extensive investigation and search, we believe you to be the [redacted] to which the diary refers. The diary has an entry on the following day, [redacted] Testimony obtained during this investigation has indicated Mr. White informed the group they had been given a drug in response to this phone call.

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Another entry, dated [redacted], may mean nothing or may suggest LSD was again administered when you and a few others visited Mr. White's other apartment at 81 Bedford Street. The only suggestion of a drug having possibly been covertly used on that occasion is the notation the following day, [redacted] Since food poisoning is in quotes, some special significance may be suggested.

This investigation has been conducted, and the diary extracted, so as to intrude as little as possible into the privacy of the individuals concerned. Information obtained on one person has not been given to another without the first party's prior permission. [redacted] is mentioned in the diary and when interviewed, asked me to help him reestablish contact with you if I found you. His address and phone number were given to you during the reference phone call. As a result of your oral permission obtained during the same phone call, I have passed your name, address, and phone number to him.

I believe this letter contains all of the pertinent information I have regarding the matter at hand; however, if you have any questions, or if you have any information which might be of value, I would appreciate a letter to the above address or a phone call at [redacted]. Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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Special Assistant,
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